

Egypt insisting on total evacuation of Sinai

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Weizman meets Sadat and Gamasy in Egypt

Invited by Cairo to hear Egyptian views on security

By HIRSH GOODMAN
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Defence Minister Ezer Weizman left for Egypt yesterday for meetings with President Sadat and Egyptian War Minister Mohammad Gamasy. The meetings were arranged at the request of the Egyptians and coordinated with Prime Minister Menachem Begin in a telephone call to Washington on Friday night.

Weizman, who is scheduled to return to Israel within the next day or two with Egypt's proposals regarding arrangements for Israel's security to compensate for the return of territory, left for Egypt yesterday morning aboard an American military plane. He was accompanied by two unnamed major-generals and his military secretary Tlan Tehila.

The defence minister spent most of yesterday deep in discussion with Gamasy at an airbase 25 kilometres north of Alexandria. It is understood that the Egyptian proposals, which were drawn up by a special military team on the orders of President Sadat and under the direction of Gamasy, deal only with Sinai and the West Bank. The Golan Heights are not being dealt with in the current discussions, it is understood.

It is understood that Weizman's role is primarily to listen to what the Egyptians have to offer. He will then present Egypt's proposals to the Ministerial Defence Committee, which will study them before Begin leaves for Jerusalem next Sunday.

It was made clear to the Jerusalem Post by cabinet sources yesterday that Weizman would not be offering any Israeli proposals to the Egyptians — this is being left to Premier Begin when he meets with President Sadat.

The Post has learned that Sadat himself had proposed that Weizman should visit Cairo, during his visit to Jerusalem last month — when he was reported to have established a good rapport with the minister. A formal invitation reached Weizman several days after Sadat returned to Cairo, with the understanding that the visit would take place at a mutually agreed time.

Yesterday's meeting between Sadat and Weizman, it is thought, did not deal with the actual negotiating process, but was devoted to further clarifications on the general mood in both countries and to determine assessments — all informal — of the overall situation.

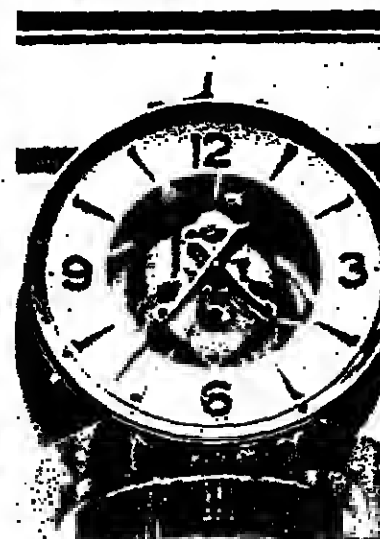
Both countries have said they are not yet discussing military and territorial details, but only working out the principles of a peace settlement in the Middle East conflict.

There was speculation in Cairo that one of the topics discussed by Weizman and Gamasy was the opening of a "hot line" between the Egyptian and Israeli high commands or defence ministries.

The surprise meeting was seen by Cairo diplomats as an escalation of Egyptian pressure on Arab hardliners to abandon their sharp criticism of Sadat's recent peace moves and join in his settlement efforts.

Meanwhile, several details have become known concerning Israel's security demands. The details, which are still to be discussed by the Cabinet, emerged from studies ordered by the Defence Ministry after Sadat's visit.

The Post understands that Israel will demand that any territory returned by Israel remain (Continued on page 2, col. 5)



This clock is the gift Defence Minister Ezer Weizman brought to President Sadat yesterday. (IDF photo)

'Israel must quit Sharm and Yamit'

By DAVID LANDAU
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CAIRO. — As Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and Egyptian War Minister Mohammad Gamasy opened talks yesterday on the gut issues of territory and security, a highly placed source in Cairo told the Jerusalem Post that Egypt would "never accept an Israeli military presence on any of her land."

The source, which is intimately familiar with Sadat's thinking, asserted that the president could not convince his people that a peace settlement with Israel was worthwhile if it provided for a continued Israeli presence anywhere in Sinai. The source mentioned specifically Sharm el-Sheikh, Yamit and El-Arish.

His words seemed to suggest that Weizman and his top military aides will have some hard bargaining in their talks with Gamasy at Alexandria.

The source said Weizman would remain here at least until this afternoon, and probably until tomorrow. While adopting an uncompromising line on the substance of a territorial settlement, the highly placed source seemed markedly encouraged — even excited — by the sudden Weizman-Gamasy meeting. He said it meant the momentum was being maintained at a furious pace, and that the two sides wanted to hammer out tangible agreements on the territorial and security issues before the Sadat-Begin summit.

This would enable the two leaders, at their press conference now scheduled for Sunday afternoon in Jerusalem, to announce impressively significant progress in these areas as well as here at the Cairo conference, where the diplomats and lawyers are still industriously thrashing out an agenda for the peace conference.

The conference, according to the highly placed Egyptian source, is likely to recess briefly after the Begin visit, and reconvene at foreign minister level about January 8. (Continued on page 2, col. 5)

Begin: Peace plan 'negotiable'

Prime Minister Menachem Begin said yesterday that the peace plan he has outlined for an Arab peace settlement is negotiable and he expects Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to counter-proposals when he meets him in Jerusalem on Sunday.

Begin's statement to the press at London's Heathrow Airport yesterday before taking off for his last night to wind up a journey which brought him into direct contact with President Carter and U.S. leaders, British Prime Minister James Callaghan and a French government envoy dispatched to London by Valéry Giscard d'Estaing for the purpose, Begin was due to leave late last night.

He told the airport news conference, called following his brief stopover in the British capital yesterday, "My proposal is this. President Sadat may

leaders and 95 per cent of the Jewish community in the U.S. expressed their support.

Begin said that his proposal for Arab self-rule west of the Jordan would be explained to Sadat in far greater detail than has thus far been made public. He said as a matter of courtesy he was not going to reveal all details of his plans before meeting "with my friend Sadat."

Following his talk with Begin, it was stated in London that Callaghan believes Egypt and Israel will be able to agree on a peace settlement within a few weeks.

But the British Government did not endorse the proposals. The government felt it was the judgement of the negotiators that should count.

After briefing Callaghan and British Foreign Secretary David Owen on the outcome of his Washington talks at Chequers, the British Prime Minister's official country residence, Begin conferred for a while with an envoy specially sent to London by President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing of France. The envoy, Jean-François Poncelet, who is secretary-general of Giscard's private office, is the son of a famous French statesman whom Begin said he had known.

The Prime Minister explained that Giscard had invited him to stop over in Paris for lunch after leaving London but he said he had to refuse because his schedule was so tight and because he had a meeting with his cabinet set up for today. But he added there would be a chance for him to visit France some time later when an official invitation is received.

Did this mean an improved era of Israel-French relations could be foreseen, a French journalist asked. Begin replied that he had suggested to Giscard that France's relations with Israel could move back to the pre-1967 informal alliance between the two countries.

Why was he meeting with Sadat in Jerusalem on Christmas Day, a journalist asked. Begin explained that he and Sadat had first planned to meet on Thursday but he found his Washington talks were going on longer than he had expected. He said he sent a message to Sadat through Vance suggesting a meeting Monday, December 20, but Sadat replied he had another visitor that day and countered with the idea of a Christmas Day parley.

"We very much hope the whole Christmas world will approve," Begin said smilingly.

Before Begin left Washington for London, UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim spent half an hour on Monday afternoon with the Prime Minister privately and then faced a suite full of reporters for a brief description of that talk.

"We had a useful exchange of views," Waldheim said. "The Prime Minister was good enough to inform me of his proposals and ideas on the subject of the Middle East programme. I do not consider it appropriate to get into any details, but I hope these new efforts will bring us closer to a lasting peace." (AP, UPI)

West Bankers' visit to Egypt delayed again

Jerusalem Post Staff

The West Bank delegation to Egypt, scheduled to leave here last night, was delayed again yesterday afternoon by the Egyptians for unknown reasons.

Members of the delegation have been advised to stand by for possible departure at 5 p.m. today.

Soviet military group in Libya for talks

LONDON (Reuters). — A Soviet military delegation led by Deputy Defence Minister Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, has arrived in Tripoli for talks with Libyan officials, the Libyan news agency reported yesterday.

The Soviet group arrived on Monday and by yesterday two rounds of talks were held.



Prime Minister Callaghan greets Prime Minister Begin who arrived from Washington for a short stay before going on to Israel. Ambassador Avraham Kidron, centre. (UPI telephoto)

Begin to lift veil—just enough—at full Cabinet session today

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Premier Menachem Begin intends to lift the veil of secrecy from his peace ideas just enough to secure the widest possible backing from his colleagues and his party before he leaves for Jerusalem next Sunday, his aides claimed yesterday.

At today's full cabinet meeting, the Premier will begin to answer the multitude of questions arising out of his statements in the U.S. and the press reports surrounding his talks with American leaders. Most ministers were uninformed of what he planned to tell President Jimmy Carter before he left.

Tomorrow he is expected to allay the anxiety expressed in Likud circles, with regard to the future of Judea and Samaria, in particular. The ferment in the Likud subsided somewhat yesterday, but not the apprehension. The Premier will be asked to brief the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, as well as the leader of the opposition, Labour chief Shimon Peres. Labour has launched sharp attacks on Begin this week for keeping the parliament totally in the dark.

Deputy Premier Yigal Yadin rallied to Begin's support at a press

conference in Beit Agron, Jerusalem, yesterday (see p. 4). Yadin said that since the peace ideas which Begin presented to President Carter contained "dozens of points and not the six which had been published" it was out of the question "to express an intelligent opinion on the incorrect and incomplete details which had been published thus far."

Yadin said that no peace plan could serve as a basis for a realistic solution unless it enables each side to assume that its long-term options still remain open.

Yadin criticized those who attacked Begin for having "changed his mind and abandoned his stated policies."

"We don't have election time coming up. Every party has to measure the chances of peace against its established ideology," Yadin said.

The Deputy Premier said that Begin would have to weigh the degree to which he could let more people into his plans now against the possible harm this could do to the negotiations.

Before Begin went to Washington, Yadin said, he had given the Ministry of Security Ministers "the initial points of his peace ideas."

Egyptians to boost security at Beirut embassy after attacks

BEIRUT. — Egypt is sending extra security men to Lebanon to help protect its embassy staff from bomb and rocket attacks, informed sources here said yesterday.

The reinforcements were expected to arrive within the next few days following an urgent appeal from the few diplomats left in the beleaguered embassy in Beirut. The news came as explosives experts defused time-bombs and rockets discovered near the embassy building in a southern suburb of the city for the second time in two days.

The planned attacks were seen as a violent reaction against Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace initiative with Israel.

Though a large part of the Arab world has either declared its support for Egypt or joined the hard-line rejectionist camp, the oil-rich conservatives of the Arabian peninsula have not yet sided with Sadat or his opponents.

Jordan's King Hussein who reached Muscat, Oman, yesterday in his current trip which has been described as an effort to restore Arab unity, was believed by many observers to be seeking to convince other Arab

nations, especially the conservative oil states, of the danger to the Arab cause inherent in forcing Sadat to act alone.

Western analysts, Arab diplomats and Palestinian sources all appeared to concur that Hussein would be willing, possibly anxious, to join current peace moves, but not within the context of the Cairo talks.

A possible indication that Kuwait, at least, does not wish to be identified with the anti-Sadat camp, could be seen in the Kuwaiti government's decision yesterday to order the "al-Rai al-Aam" daily to suspend publication for one week after the paper published a scathing personal attack on Sadat on Monday.

Among other things, the paper compared Sadat unfavourably with his predecessor, Gamal Abdel Nasser, and said his peace initiatives stemmed from his efforts to escape from Nasser's shadow and secure a niche in history for himself.

Another personal attack on Sadat was delivered yesterday by Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam, who compared the Egyptian President to Marshal Henri Pétain the French tender who cooperated with the Nazis.



Six of the eight hostages captured by the Saharawi Polisario guerrillas in Mauritania last May. Second from right is one of the two women hostages, Mrs. Nicole Feulon, 38. All are to be freed in Algiers on Friday in a ceremony to be attended by UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim. (UPI telephoto)

Selling spree continues in stock market

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The "selling psychosis" continued to hit the stock market yesterday, with 80 shares falling by up to 10 per cent and another 88 shares being listed as "sellers only" — falling by up to 5 per cent without finding any buyers. Only the large banks remained firm, and this was because the banks began buying their own shares in an effort to "firm up" the market.

Ell Cohen, manager of Discount Bank, yesterday told the Jerusalem Post that it is "very difficult to make any prediction, when investors who a few months ago bought stocks without rhyme or reason are now dumping the same stocks without any regard to their intrinsic value."

He noted, however, that some shares were already down to their 1975 value — before the boom began, and some of them were "good buys today and would probably be better buys within a day or two." He believed that the "selling psychosis" might continue for another day or two.

Nevertheless, Cohen advised any serious investor to get "expert advice from a professional" and not listen to "hot tips."

He also said that the long-range sensible investor should diversify and not put all his eggs in one basket. By diversification, he meant building up a solid portfolio containing 20 to 25 per cent stocks, with the remaining 75 to 80 per cent spread out in index-linked bonds, dollar-linked bonds and mutual funds run by the banks.

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Swiss police hold suspects in Meyer killing

(UPI). — The Swiss Government yesterday said that two of the German terrorists suspected of involvement in the kidnapping and murder of leading industrialist Hanns-Martin Schleyer were arrested near here. The police identified them as Holger and Juliane Flammbeck. Swiss government officials said the two were caught in Porrentruy, a small town near the French border, south of Basel, soon after about two customs officers who them to get out of their car for a routine check, pulled a gun and shot. A spokesman said the two suspects were wounded. Police said the two suspects were also armed.

A couple drove off as authorities issued a statewide alarm and later ordered their car at Porrentruy, reported. There they got a taxi, which was stopped at a police block. Both suspects surrendered without resistance, a police spokesman reported.

Feared dead in Iranian quake

ERAN (AP). — Rescuers pulled bodies from the debris of an early morning earthquake that rocked an 850 km. south of Teheran yesterday, Iran's Red Cross said. At least 500 seriously injured were rushed to the hospital. More than 500 seriously injured were rushed to the hospital. More than 500 seriously injured were rushed to the hospital.

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	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem	75	4-11	10
Golan	65	7-13	11
Nahariya	55	6-18	16
Safed	54	6-9	9
Haifa Port	63	10-18	17
Tiberias	59	8-19	18
Nazareth	55	8-14	15
Afula	55	8-13	17
Shimon	66	10-12	11
Tel Aviv	65	9-17	17
B-G Airport	57	6-18	17
Jericho	54	8-21	19
Caesarea	66	9-17	17
Beer Sheva	57	8-20	17
Eilat	40	8-20	20
Tiran Straits	59	13-21	20

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The West German Ambassador, Klaus Schuetz, yesterday called on the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Yigal Hurvitz.

Andre Bouloche, Chairman of the Committee for International Scientific Cooperation with the Council of Europe, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i on Monday night. Mr. Bouloche is in Israel as a guest of the Knesset together with Dr. Jean-Pierre Massieu, the committee's Chairman, in order to explore possible avenues of cooperation between Israel and the Council.

A paratroopers' forest in memory of the 54 soldiers and air crew members who died last May when their helicopter crashed during an army exercise in the Jordan Valley, was dedicated yesterday in Bat Yam.

The Yassodot Zionist Youth educational institutes yesterday gave a farewell reception for Yosef Klarman who is due to leave his position as Youth Aliya Director and member of the Jewish Agency Executive.

Yosef Tekoah, president of Ben-Gurion University and former Israeli ambassador to the United Nations, will open the 1977-78 season of the ZOA House, Tel Aviv, English-language dinner club at 8 this evening. He will speak on "Israel after 30 years."

Regional Bank Leumi manager Gershon Kedar will speak (in Hebrew) on "Finance and Development by the World Bank" at the Haifa Rotary Club, at the Rot Hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

Yehoshua Freedman will speak on beach management at the weekly meeting of Jerusalem Rotary Club at the YMCA, 1 p.m. today.

Birth

YEHIHEL — to Joanna and Raoul Yehiel, a son, yesterday at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

Pascin in J'lem

Post Art Editor

A comprehensive exhibition of drawings and watercolours by Jules Pascin, noted portrait artist, opened yesterday at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

Pascin, a Bulgarian Jew of Sephardic origin whose real name was Julius Pincus, began himself in 1930 at the age of 45. Most of his drawings were titled to the Israel Museum by his late brother, Joseph Pincus of Paris.

Histadrut approves portfolio division

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — A meeting of the Histadrut Central Committee and the Alignment faction in the organization's executive yesterday unanimously approved the division of central committee portfolios as proposed earlier this week by Histadrut Secretary General Yehoram Meshel.

The trade union portfolio was given to Yisrael Kessar despite the fact that it had been formally promised to Gideon Ben-Yisrael.

Ben-Yisrael himself, who was rumored to have been considering resigning, was given two days to decide whether to accept the economic planning and social affairs portfolio, which Meshel offered him. But Ben-Yisrael said last night he would not accept this portfolio although he would not resign from his post in the central committee.

BOXING — Israel beat Franco by eight victories to three in an amateur boxing match in Paris on Monday night.

On the thirtieth day after the passing of our beloved

Prof. Dr. WALTER STERN

an Ashkenazi and unveiling of the tombstone will take place at the Tivon Cemetery on Friday, December 23, 1977, at 12 noon. Our thanks to all who offered condolences in person or by letter.

The Family

On the thirtieth day after the death of our sister and sister-in-law

ELSE ESTHER KOTKOWSKI

the memorial service and unveiling of the tombstone will be held at the Mount of Olives cemetery, Jerusalem on Dec. 22, 1977 at 2 p.m.

The Family

We shall meet at Beit Hamehaneles at 1.30 p.m. Transport will be provided.



Led by Eliahu Ben-Elissar, the Israeli delegation to the Cairo conference, yesterday pushes its way through throngs of people at Mit abu el-Kom village, where President Sadat was born nearly 50 years ago. (UPI telephoto)

Women warble warm welcome to Israelis in Sadat's village

MIT ABUL KOM, Egypt. — The Israeli delegation to the Cairo talks yesterday visited this prosperous agricultural village in the central Nile delta where President Anwar Sadat was born 50 years ago next Sunday.

Israeli sources said the delegation head, Dr. Eliahu Ben-Elissar, had asked to be shown Sadat's home as a "gesture of courtesy to the president."

Young girls and women stood shoulder-to-shoulder on roofs overlooking the two-lane main street and ululated in a high-pitched warble as they welcomed the Israelis pulled up in two black official cars. Three busloads of newsmen had arrived 10 minutes earlier.

Men and boys waved their arms and cheered in front of the spot where Sadat's house once stood. It has been replaced by two buildings and a garden which he visits several times a year — one of them a stately brick home that is the most solid building in the village. The president still has relatives in the village, its population 3,000.

Ben-Elissar and Aluf Avraham Tamir were conducted through a bright, airy sitting room with blue-

and-orange upholstered divans along the walls. The third Israeli official, Meli Roseman, was not present. The freshly painted mint green walls bore portraits and photographs of Sadat, but none of his family. Sadat's father had been a clerk in the army, and the president had farmed the fertile soil near the village.

"I think I understand the president and the Egyptian people better now, through understanding the way they live and the way they work," Ben-Elissar said.

The villagers do not live well by Western standards. The signs of poverty in the region, as in the capital are overwhelming. The village is in an area 80 km. north of Cairo in the heart of the delta region between the Rosetta and Damietta branches of the swift-flowing Nile.

A young man who spoke to the visitors in Hebrew explained he had learned it in the Egyptian army. In his questions he stressed many of the subjects frequently raised by the Hebrew language services of Cairo Radio.

They included problems concerning relations between Ashkenazi and Sephardi Jews. "Which of you

are Ashkenazi and which are Sephardi? How do you get on together?" he asked.

He appeared surprised to hear there was no friction either in the official delegation or in the accompanying press party.

The region is flat and bright green with winter vegetables planted in square or oblong fields. Huge cabbage stalks, growing from stalks. Peasants — *fellahin*, as they are called in Egypt — squatted in the fields plucking weeds. Others plowed new furrows with water buffalo pulling wooden implements.

Tractors were scarce and domesticated work animals plentiful. The *fellahin* live in huts of mud brick along ditches of stagnant irrigation canals.

Horses pulling turn-of-the-century buggies were more common sights in the larger towns than automobiles. Two black 1949 Chrysler sedans were in use as taxis.

Sadat's village has only one paved road. It was spotted with dung, sidestepped by the Israeli officials but trampled by the following horde of newsmen. (Reuter, UPI)

Settlers worried about 'autonomy'; Peres: Jordan is defence line

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV (The Jordan Valley). — Residents of civilian settlements in the Jordan Valley yesterday demanded continued Israeli rule in the area and criticized Prime Minister Menachem Begin's proposal for local autonomy in the West Bank. Some residents expressed "fear" that they will be "sold out" in a peace agreement and urged steps to fight any such eventualities. These measures will probably be coordinated with the settlers of the Golan Heights, and with Gush Etzion at a meeting in Ofra next Tuesday.

Settlers came to this moshav yesterday to meet Labour's chairman Shimon Peres.

Peres and other Labour leaders reiterated their commitment to the settlers, but Peres avoided saying the Jordan Valley should be part of Israel.

He declared that the Jordan is Israel's defence line and there can be no security without the IDF and settlers. The former defence minister said, "We've told the settlements they're not flower pot settlements (which can be removed), but permanent ones, and on this point — as a movement — we'll be insistent."

After Peres left, settlement representatives decided to brief Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, who is ideologically close to them, so that he can represent their case at today's Cabinet session. They also decided to ask for meetings with Begin and the chairman of the Ministerial Settlement Committee, Ariel Sharon.

Meanwhile, the organizers of the Ofra meeting said they will organize a demonstration in front of the Cabinet conference room to coincide with its meeting.

First Haifa atlas to be published

HAIFA. — Twenty-ones research workers have volunteered their scientific efforts towards the publication of a complete "Atlas of Haifa and Mt. Carmel," a project sponsored by Haifa University. The team, headed by Dr. Arnon Soffer and Dr. Baruch Kipnis, both of Haifa University, includes experts on history from prehistoric to modern times, cartography, botany, zoology, soil science, geology, economics, urbanology and transport.

No such atlas exists as yet. "There is no comprehensive work on Haifa and Mt. Carmel. The 1977 edition of the geography textbook used in the schools states that there are already several shops on Mt. Carmel and the standard guidebook on the area, by Zeev Vilnai, was written in 1939," the two team leaders said yesterday.

The groundwork for the projected atlas has already been done and within about five months the full draft of maps and texts will be ready, they said.

Getting the Atlas printed in colour as a standard work of lasting value called for a \$1,500,000 budget. Two major contributions — \$150,000 each from the municipality and the Reuven Hecht Fund — have already been received. The scientists are contributing their work, much of it the fruit of a lifetime of research,

free of charge, and the Haifa Municipality is providing free facilities. The Government Survey Department will grant copyright for its maps and print them.

A public committee is now being formed to raise the money for the publication through donations and advance subscriptions. Kipnis and Soffer estimate the cost of the volume at \$1,500 at today's prices. The maps will be bi-lingual, in Hebrew and English. The atlas, text and tables, covering the area between Tirat Carmel, Kiryat Tiv'on and Acre, will be a useful source of information for decision makers in many fields, such as townplanning, business, transport, teachers, students and guides.

Fined for announcing inspector's visit

A Jerusalem man was fined \$1750 in the Municipal Court yesterday for warning smokers in a cinema house that a municipal inspector had entered the auditorium.

The man spotted the inspector as soon as he entered the cinema and shouted: "The Municipal inspectors are here!" This enabled smokers to put out their cigarettes and prevented the inspector from carrying out his duty.

The offender was also asked to post a \$1,500 bond against a recurrence of the offences for a period of three years. (Him)

'Not an inch' says the Lubavitcher Rebbe

Israel should not give up an inch of the Holy Land, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, said yesterday, according to his followers at Kfar Habad.

The scholar and spiritual leader, who lives in Brooklyn, New York, said the Torah forbids giving up the land, and that doing so would only increase the chances of renewed war. Therefore, *bitachon nefesh*, the saving of this, is not an argument for giving up territory.

In his message, which was broadcast live to his followers all over the world, he said Israel should maintain a high level of arms preparedness to discourage any attack.

Refusal to let Egyptian plane land here denied
BEN-GURION AIRPORT (Him). — Security officials last night denied a report that an Egyptian plane carrying 243 passengers and 13 crew members was refused permission to land here yesterday because of security precautions.

Airport sources reported that the captain of the plane, which was en route from Cairo to Jordan, had asked to land here after being turned back from Amman airport due to fog conditions.

Security officials said the captain was asked to wait for an answer to his request, but he meanwhile changed his mind and told the control tower that he had decided to continue on to Beirut.

Hanover Jews

complain of neo-Nazi threats

BONN (JTA). — The Jewish community in the north German city of Hanover has officially complained to the local district attorney about an increase in neo-Nazi activities against Jews.

Among the incidents mentioned in the complaint are "agitation and distribution of provocative literature" by members of extreme right-wing organizations who meet on Saturdays in the city's shopping centres, threats and attacks on Jews by groups of men dressed in black clothes with skull emblems, and "disturbing" telephone calls received by members of the Jewish community.

THE MOUNT HERMON ski resort yesterday opened for the season, and attracted dozens of visitors. Skiing, however, is not possible yet because the snow has reached a height of only 40 cm.

Sharm, Yamit

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Israeli sources here told The Jerusalem Post that Israel intends to leave a skeleton staff of diplomats and technical men here at the Mena House during the recess so as not to break the physical and psychological continuity of the conference.

The hotel itself has been booked by the Egyptian government for a further two weeks (the original booking will lapse tomorrow), and observers anticipate that the booking will again be extended for many long weeks and even months ahead.

For it now seems clear to informed observers on both sides that the intention is to thrash out the terms of a peace agreement here in Cairo and move to Geneva only as a late and almost formal stage. This seems the case despite the lip-service which all parties assiduously play to the Geneva Conference at every opportunity, and despite the fact that Egypt has billed the Cairo Conference as "preparatory to Geneva."

Egypt's number two negotiator here at the Cairo conference, Dr. Usama el-Baz, who is reputedly the link man between the negotiating team and Sadat himself, told Egyptian Television last night that Egypt was seeking an agreement with Israel "on the principles of a peace settlement."

"The principles, he indicated, would be 'comprehensive' — that is, they would relate to all three fronts.

But Egypt could not negotiate the details of a Golan settlement nor of a West Bank-Palestinian settlement. This would have to be left to the Syrians and Palestinians respectively," he noted.

His remarks immediately set off renewed speculation that Egypt would in the final analysis — if the hardliners refuse to come in later — go it alone with Israel in a separate agreement.

The highly placed source who spoke with The Jerusalem Post conceded that there was concern over Bah-Mandeh and the possibility of a renewed blockade there imposed by, say, South Yemen, was unfounded, and was certainly no reason for Israel to insist on maintaining its naval and air base at the tip of the Sinai peninsula.

After Egypt signs a peace agreement with Israel "the 'rejection front' will immediately collapse," he predicted derisively. "I wouldn't give Gaddafy two months to survive after that. And the Ba'athist regimes in Damascus and Baghdad will fall too."

Other hardliners, including South Yemen, would quickly fall in line behind Egypt — and the threat to Israel's shipping route to the south would automatically disappear.

After all, the source argued, it had been at Egypt's behest that the Straits of Tiran had been closed during the Yom Kippur War, and at Egypt's behest that the blockade was lifted after the war.

Once Egypt reoccupied Sharm el-Sheikh — and all the rest of Sinai — there would be no political, and thus no military, reason for a blockade.

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demilitarized. Israel will also ask to retain its early warning station at Um Hashiba as part of an arrangement whereby the Egyptians and the Americans will also retain their stations in the vicinity of the Golan Heights. It is also understood, will want the Americans to police and monitor any agreement in the Sinai and to minimize the active role of the UN.

No specific details are available regarding the future of Sharm el-Sheikh, but there have been reports that Israel would like to lease the area from the Egyptians for a period of time. Egypt is thought to be opposed to the idea, and Israel may consider the possibility of the strategically important point being handed over to a neutral party — or perhaps manned jointly by a mixed Israeli-Egyptian and American crew. There is also strong reason to believe that with regard to oil operations in the area, Israel will propose some form of Israeli-Egyptian partnership.

It is believed that another condition which still has to be adopted by either the defence minister or the Cabinet is that any Israeli withdrawal be accompanied by a unilateral reduction of the Egyptian armed forces.

This, they believe, would be both an insurance against hostile intent, and a gesture of goodwill. With regard to the West Bank, Israeli officials are united in their opposition to Israel giving back the ridge which runs parallel to the Jordan River. These afford Israel the ability to detect, with ample warning, any hostile move from Jordanian territory.

A special problem regarding the West Bank will be the need for arrangements to contain terrorism — a security demand which may be met by Israel's insistence on a permanent military presence in the area.

Unclear as yet is whether Israel is insisting that it keep garrisons on the Jordan River — a move considered unwise by certain defence circles, who fear that those pockets of soldiers, isolated and cut off from Israel, would be vulnerable. Observers remember well the security problems posed by Israel having a small isolated garrison stationed on Mount Scopus between 1948 and 1967.

Experts call for reform in Stock Exchange operation

By SHELOMO MAOZ

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

A number of financial experts have described the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange as a "casino," and suggested that unless its mode of operation is changed, it should be closed down. Testifying before the Knesset Economic Committee yesterday, the experts also called for a parallel change in the way the country's banks operate.

But Dr. Yehuda Shenhav of Tel Aviv University told the committee that the behaviour of the stock exchange in the last few months was both rational and logical. In his opinion, if shares go down by another 10 per cent they would reach a reasonable level with a reasonable multiplier.

Dr. Shenhav told the committee that the stock exchange could be improved, however, by obliging all companies operating on the exchange to publish quarterly reports in the press. He also suggested that the investing public be kept better informed through the use of such aids as closed-circuit television.

Prof. Marshall Sarnat of the Hebrew University called for a fundamental reorganization of the capital market. He told the committee that the banks and the government should be prevented from intervening in the money market, noting that there was a conflict of interest as far as the banks were concerned in that they functioned as both consultants and as

sellers at one and the same time for the Government, restricting itself to making investors as adequately as possible. Prof. Sarnat suggested Knesset set up a public inquiry into the functioning of the stock market, but of market in general. He said there is extensive manipulation of the stock exchange by possessing "inside information."

Yitzhak Taub, direct Securities Authority, told committee that securities had been issued so far this year, \$1.3b. were shares \$1,550m. in non-financial. He defended the function of the stock exchange by noting that the exchange was unable to operate without the next 30 years.

The chairman of the Committee, Gad Ya'acobi, told the committee would investigate the stock market with this end in view, he would more experts to testify at a session.

Radiomen summoned to c

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Labour Court yesterday ordered the three-member radio technicians' works committee to appear before it today and explain their sanctions against the Moshe Rosenzweig, Dov Ben-Gurion, and Yoram Natan, who are to appear at 11.30 this morning, following a request by executives of the authority.

Meanwhile, the technicians continue their refusal to allow the broadcast of reports by several radio reporters covering the Cairo conference.

The authority's executive, headed by director-general Yitzhak Zivni, decided yesterday not to release any statement about the court order to the technicians' demand that more of them be sent to Cairo.

Eight reporters are working in Egypt, and "only three technicians are there to assist them," according to the works committee. The three technicians are "falling off their feet" from a round-the-clock work schedule, they claim.

The Broadcasting Authority representatives were seen result of "pressure camp" not according to professional technical criteria. Rosenzweig said the technicians' decision to protest their disagreement, sanctions. No reports sent out of radio were dispatched to Cairo are being aired.

In another labour division coverage of the conference, yesterday's Arab newswire was not broadcast. A member of the radio division of the Jerusalem Association said the technicians' decision to protest their disagreement, sanctions. No reports sent out of radio were dispatched to Cairo are being aired.

But the radio reporters only two of their colleagues, news editor were sent to Cairo to prepare to five Hebrew reports for their qualifications "personal, family reasons."

Druse are not Jews?

DMC appeals ruling on its seats in Zionist Congress

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Democratic Movement for Change has filed an appeal with the court of the Zionist Congress against the ruling granting its seats in the coming congress as though it had only 13 MKs and not 15, because the remaining two are Druse, not Jews.

Announcing this at a press conference at Beit Agran in Jerusalem, yesterday, Eli Eyal, head of DMC's information department, said the ruling was discriminatory and offensive to the two Druse MKs in the faction, who feel themselves "Zionists."

The appeal, filed by attorney Moshe Ben-Zeev on behalf of the party, said it was common knowledge in Israel that non-Jews voted for Zionist parties like the DMC and were elected to the Knesset on their lists. There was no distinction of race, nationality, religion or sex in Israel's democratic elections, the appeal said.

The chairman of the Zionist Congress court is Yitzhak Ben-Zur of the Labour party. Informed sources said that Labour might well back the DMC appeal, if Labour in turn got support for its own demand to have Moshe Dayan's original place in Labour in the May 17 Knesset elections calculated in Labour's Congress representation.

In Israel, the Congress seats are divided up according to each party's parliamentary strength. At some previous Zionist Congresses, non-Jewish MKs were calculated in a party's representation; at others they were not.

At the press conference, Premier Yigal Yadin, the of the secretariat, said the Knesset faction had not Labour over the recent reform proposal in the because it was "a demonstration which we achieved absolutely nothing."

Yadin said: "All Labour was to embarrass the DMC, a last resort to settle and justifiably so, because shift them from power." Yadin said that all the the government coalition absolutely committed to the next elections according to the system of proportional representation be kept, unless for any sudden election were called months.

Ram Ron, the DMC said the party would put up, in nearly all the mums when elections there probably a year from now. Danny Bibero, chairman council presidium, although many DMC agreed to stay politically between elections and an election time, it was easier done.

Avner Peretz, head organization department, the party membership could be extended in five months if it extended from January the end of February.

Vet wants compensation for sterilized

HAIFA (Him). — The Defence Ministry is considering paying compensation to a man who lost his fertility when he caught the mumps during army service — and only discovered its effects five years later.

The man's claim, submitted last February, was at first dismissed by the army pensions officer because the compensation law (1959) specifies that claims must be submitted within two years of the veteran's release from service. In the case of this claimant, who had the mumps in 1970 and completed service in 1972, five years elapsed before the claim was submitted.

An attorney for the claimant appeals committee that went beyond the letter of the law since the claimant had to children before concluding had suffered impaired army service.

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How to keep 'em down on the farm? 'Bring the city to the moshav'

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The way to keep moshavnikim down on the farm and out of the cities is to bring the city to them, a prominent sociologist suggested yesterday.

Prof. Joseph W. Eaton told the international symposium on urban planning that the countryside is being established in Israel and in other well developed countries like the U.S. by urbanization. He defined this as a rural setting into which urban elements like industry are introduced to provide residents with a wider choice of jobs and services.

A study carried out in the Ta'anach Region for the Settlement Study Centre of Rehovot, Prof.

Eaton said, showed that 78 per cent of the husbands in moshavim and 20 per cent of the wives had part-time or full-time jobs in addition to their farming activities.

Although the settlers in the two villages studied were Moroccan city dwellers brought to the barren village sites in 1956 straight from Haifa Port upon arrival in this country, only 10 per cent had left the villages over the course of the next two decades. A major factor in keeping the remainder out of the moshav, said Prof. Eaton, was the availability of outside work with which to augment their income and achieve a higher standard of living.

"What they have now is a suburb in this country, not just a farm," said

Prof. Eaton who teaches at the University of Pittsburgh and University of Haifa. The villages are sprinkled with large villas and many of the residents have cars. The school age children of these villages, Eaton was of such



He visited the synagogue in Alexandria on Sunday. Centre is Ben-Eliassar, head of the delegation to the Cairo conference. To his right is Abie Nathan of the Voice of Peace radio ship.

T.A. promises residents less flooding

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Winter downpours will continue to bring traffic to a halt and flood low-lying areas in Tel Aviv, though not quite as much as before, Yitzhak Caspi, head of the city public works department, told reporters here yesterday.

He explained that the winter flood problems in town cannot be eliminated completely, simply because Tel Aviv lacks the underground drainage channels needed to carry off the excess water. Wherever new channels were constructed, they had stopped, but the city cannot afford to install all the drainage facilities needed.

Nevertheless, Caspi said, in the past four years drainage projects have been completed in comparison to what was being done before 1974, noting that this year the city has invested IL20m. for the purpose. This is in addition to the IL54m. invested in drainage work since 1974.

Work on channels has been completed in such chronic trouble spots as Jaffa's Sderot Yerushalayim, the "L" plan area, Nahalat Yitzhak and the Derech Haifa approaches to the city.

One of the worst trouble spots, Rehov Salame, had its new channel completed just last week. Some 200 gutter drains will collect the rain water into the three metre-wide, two-metre deep channel which will carry the water out to sea. This will stop the Givat Heral area from becoming a series of fast-flowing streams after every shower, Caspi said.

Did Ehrlich agree to give Levy IL50m?

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich yesterday denied having "any knowledge" of an agreement by the Treasury to allocate IL50m. to the Absorption Ministry for loans to returning emigrants.

Ehrlich was responding to queries by The Jerusalem Post about an announcement to that effect by Absorption Minister David Levy during the debate on immigration and emigration in the Knesset on Monday.

Levy had told the plenary (Ehrlich was not present during this part of the session) that funds to help returning emigrants buy airline tickets and send baggage to Israel would be included in the Absorption Ministry's new budget starting April 1. The amount involved, according to ministry estimates, is IL50m. although Levy did not mention this to the plenary.

At present, such loans are handled by the Jewish Agency. Levy also promised that if the government approves his recent proposal to hand over all responsibility for emigrants to his ministry, any new benefits would be accorded retroactive from next January 1.

Levy's spokesman told The Post that Ehrlich had agreed to allocate the funds in a brief meeting between the two ministers shortly before the Knesset session.

But Ehrlich stated yesterday that "I never promised Levy anything, not even 50 apoor. He never asked me for anything."

The incident came a few months after a similar disagreement between Levy and Ehrlich over what they had agreed in discussions on handling of immigrant mortgages.

In the end, the Absorption Ministry was authorized to approve loans and send referrals directly to the immigrant, without intervention by other ministries.

Observers commented that Ehrlich has been caught between conflicting pressures in his Liberal Party and Levy's Herut.

Meanwhile, Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin told top officials of the Absorption Ministry yesterday that it would be an "impossible situation" if any body other than the government were responsible for the absorption of new immigrants.

In a visit to Levy's office yesterday morning as part of a series of

calls on ministers that deal with social issues, Yadin stated that when a Knesset Member asks a parliamentary question about immigrants' problems, he should be answered by a minister and not referred to some other address. "We must not create an enclave of immigrants who are looked after by some outside jurisdiction," he said.

Yadin was responding to pleas from Levy that the government decide immediately whether the government or the Jewish Agency will handle immigration and absorption. Yadin did not reveal whether he favoured a total transfer of responsibility for both to the ministry, as Levy has been demanding for months.

The deputy prime minister complained that the state has erred by "too often depleting the immigrant and immigration as if they were a burden." Instead, he said, the contribution from and need for immigration should be emphasized every day.

Yadin later visited new immigrants in several Jerusalem neighbourhoods and spoke with immigrant pupils at the Rehavia Gymnasium, of which he is a graduate.

Reporter revealed malnutrition 7 years ago

anger at Beit Tina — nothing new

By SUSAN BELLOS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Officials have known for years of at least one case of malnutrition at Beit Tina, the institution for the retarded in a village where two adolescents in their fall, apparently of rition.

Directors of the institution, Yehuda Peled, are to before a Tel Aviv District judge today.

A year ago this reporter pictures of a patient there, a 7-year-old boy suffering from malnutrition and emaciation "his back, to the late Michael then Minister of Social Affairs. At the time, Hazani said institutions must no longer be of profit for individuals, institutions for the retarded taken over by the State."

report on conditions at Beit Tina made available to Hazani 1971 by the Association for the Ion of Civil Rights which took case of the boy, Shimon after its exposure in The on Post. The association chairman was Tel Aviv

lawyer Uri Reichman, presented a detailed report to Hazani which revealed persistent undernourishment, evidence of beatings, severe overcrowding, and regular administration of doses of tranquilizers exceeding levels acceptable to the ministry.

According to Reichman, 50 deaths have taken place at Beit Tina over the past 15 years. One was the manslaughter of a child by another inmate.

Police are investigating the 50 cases, some of which may reflect the general tendency of retarded persons in institutions to die earlier than their peers outside institutions.

When the association's investigating committee, composed of physicians and lawyers who had no connection with the ministry, presented their report to Hazani, he promised to eliminate private institutions. Shimon Peled, described earlier this week as "qualified" by the director of ministry services for the retarded, meanwhile remained in charge of Beit Tina.

Abraham Langerman, now director-general of the social affairs section in the Ministry of Labour and Social

Affairs, (in the Welfare Ministry) seven years ago and therefore responsible for the care of retarded children. He was aware of conditions then, he told The Post yesterday, and noted that "many improvements" had been made at Beit Tina following the Reichman Report. However, two years later he transferred to another section of the Welfare Ministry.

Appointed director-general of that ministry two years ago, he initiated an investigation into private institutions for the retarded. Three out of 18 were shut down, but Beit Tina was found to be satisfactory.

Police investigating the two latest deaths leaked the case to the press last week. On Sunday, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs announced the formation of its own inquiry committee, headed by legal adviser Arye Brick.

Minister Israel Katz said yesterday that only the results of the inquiry would indicate whether or not to close down Beit Tina, but he had meanwhile put a "highly qualified person" in charge of the institution.

capture escaped convict after 10-month alleged crime spree

By JUDY SIEGEL

SHIMESH (Tim). — An 18-year-old escaped convict has been after allegedly terrorizing residents in the two months he has been on the loose.

He attacked a Mosheh S'ot, stole more than 50 cars, into five shops and shot two men in the course of his two-month crime spree, said.

He tried to apprehend him on a number of occasions, but each time he escaped. In one incident he shot a man in the head, and in another a dramatic tussle in a car, shot police sergeant David Herzl in the hand.

According to the police, the latter took place on a forest road near Jerusalem. Samal pulled Atlas driving a car to stop him by throwing on the bonnet of the moving Atlas carried on driving at speed, with the policeman to the windshield. Herzl managed to get one arm

inside the car and switched off the ignition. But Atlas got away after allegedly shooting the policeman in the hand.

Atlas was remanded for 15 days in the Beit Shemesh Magistrate's Court yesterday. He is said to be cooperating with the police, who have reported recovering stolen property — including cigarettes and liquor — worth thousands of pounds.

It was not immediately known how Atlas was finally caught.

Budget for testing new warplane engines

BEN-GURION AIRPORT (Tim).

The Israel Aircraft Industries management this week approved a US\$1m. budget for maintenance and inspection of a new generation of engines for air force warplanes.

The new General Electric engines drive the F4E planes now in the Air Force and F4Es which Israel has asked to buy from the U.S.

Police investigate VIP treatment for convict

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The police spokesman yesterday confirmed that national police headquarters are investigating the possible abuse of prison rules in the case of a prisoner given special privileges — such as the use of a police car to carry on business.

The case allegedly concerns former prisoner Rami Lev, an earth-moving contractor, convicted of fraud in connection with Defence Ministry contracts. Lev was reportedly transferred from the Beersheba prison to the Elahon lockup near Haifa, at the request of a Haifa police official. The lockup, customarily used for suspects under remand, is supervised by the police rather than the Prisons Service.

While in the lockup, Lev was allegedly given use of a police vehicle so that he could carry on his business. His stay in Haifa reportedly ended abruptly when the Haifa police commander learned of the matter and sent him back to the prison.

Katzir urges Judaic study

By AARON SEITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel has become a substitute for the synagogue for non-religious Jews. Efraim Katzir said yesterday.

The President said this while hosting the Knesset Committee on Immigration and Absorption.

By serving in lieu of a house of worship, Katzir asserted, the State must initiate "Judaic studies in depth" for young Jews abroad or else "face the inevitable: the end of immigration and the end of Jewishness."

The President also warned Israelis against committing the "unforgivable sin" of viewing leaders of Jewish communities abroad as being mainly sources of financial assistance to Israel, rather than "men of culture and spirit."

While the older generation of Jewish leaders may have been mostly business people, today's leaders, he said, are mostly young people, and their children — as 80 per cent university trained, he pointed out to the committee members.

Committee chairman Gula Cohen showed Katzir the committee's docket, and repeated her proposal that the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization hand over all immigration duties to the government.

Wrestler withdraws suit

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Former wrestler Rappash Halperin on Monday withdrew his libel suit against the Israel Broadcasting Authority and Yaron Lander in the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court.

Halperin, who is now studying full time in a Bnei Brak yeshiva, had claimed that he was ridiculed on the "Alei Koteret" (Behind the Headlines) programme, where Lander is the host, when he recently demonstrated his skill at shattering rocks with his bare hands.

The Jerusalem Post learned that a compromise was reached between TV director Arnon Zuckerman and Halperin that the former wrestler would drop the suit if he were invited again to "Alei Koteret." Halperin appeared on the late night show last week to speak about a historical atlas of Jewish sages that he had compiled.

Irate investors protest gov't inaction on T.A. bus station

Two angry crowds of persons who had invested in the new Tel Aviv central bus station burst into the offices of Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich in Jerusalem and of Egged in Tel Aviv yesterday to back their demands for government intervention to save the mammoth construction project.

Work on construction of the bus station complex, which was to include a large shopping centre, has been halted for more than a year. The consortium of builders could not raise the money to complete the project. The Ministers of Finance, Transport, and Justice decided last week not to pump government money into the bus station, as the former government had intended to. The liquidation procedures for the Kikar Levinsky company was to proceed in the courts, the ministers said.

Most of the 50 persons, who demonstrated yesterday in Jerusalem had invested their money in floor-space for shops in the planned complex. They burst into the Finance Minister's offices at about 11 a.m., claiming that because of the government's refusal to take over

the company, they would each stand to lose hundreds of thousands of pounds which they had invested in the late 1960s or early 1970s.

Police were called to the scene and at 12 p.m. Finance Minister Ehrlich and Transport Minister Meir Amit met with five representatives of the demonstrating investors. Ehrlich told them that notwithstanding the ministers' decision not to intervene, the government may reach some kind of arrangement with the official receiver after the start of liquidation proceedings.

Amit told the representatives that though he understands their problem, his ministry's budget would not allow commitments that could total hundreds of millions of pounds.

Later in the day, another group of 50 investors burst into the Egged's offices in Tel Aviv to protest Egged's part in the failure of the bus station. Project Egged, Solal Benach and co. tractor Arye Pilz are the shareholders in the Kikar Levinsky company. After police were called to the scene to calm the irate investors, several of their representatives met with Egged directors. (Tim)

Junior racquetman does fine down under

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's under-14 tennis champion Eilon Sinai last week achieved one of the best-ever victories by a local junior in international competition, when he won the boys' under-16 singles crown in the Brisbane open tournament in Australia.

Playing on grass, 14-year-old Sinai took the prestigious title with a 6-1, 6-4 last-round success against Greg Miller, one of Queensland's leading youngsters in his age group. This was sweet revenge for Miller's 7-6, 6-4 defeat of Sinai's team-mate Shahar Perlis in the second round of the main event.

Sinai and Perlis are now half way through a two-month programme of training and tournament competition in Australia.

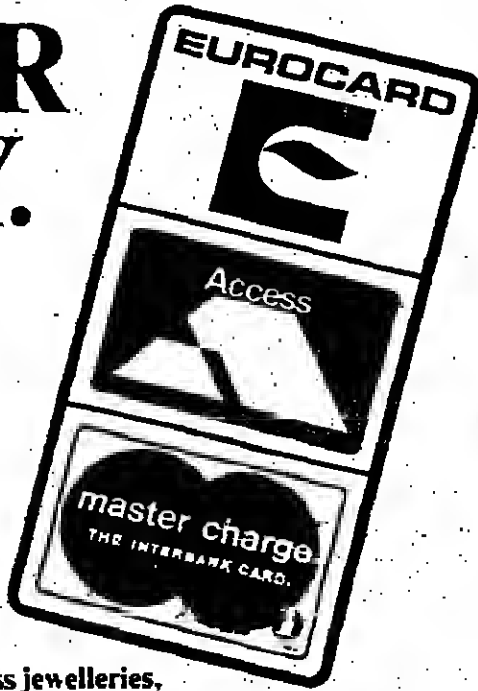
In Miami Beach late last week, Israel — represented by Shai Puni and Tommy Frischer — lost 0-2 to West Germany in the second round of world junior championships.

Dog finds drugs

TEL AVIV. — A drug-sniffing police dog uncovered a cache of hashish in the closet of a suspected Hashkva Quarter pusher yesterday.

According to police, an undercover detective purchased a quantity of the drug from the dealer on a street corner, paying with marked bills. He then arrested the man and, with the aid of the dog, the suspect's apartment was searched and eight grams of the drug were snuffed out.

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Tough battles in ninth basketball round

By STEVE KAPLAN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

Monday night's ninth round of the National Basketball League's first division showed the higher top teams are in a mid-season slump or the bottom teams are getting better.

Haifa Hapoel again proved they are a team to be reckoned with by throwing a scare into Tel Aviv Maccabi. In the central game of the round played at Tel Aviv's Yehuda Sports Palace, the European champions had to extend themselves to score their ninth straight league win this year. In the first half the game saw the lead changing hands many times, and ended with Maccabi on top with a precarious 47-46 advantage.

After the intermission, the home team woke up some and ran their lead to 84-70 before Haifa rallied, coming to within 90-88 with a minute left.

Mickey Berkowitz hit foul shots and Bob Griffin sank the last basket, making the final score 84-88. Jim Boatwright was high man for the winners with 28 points, while Zvi Inbar squalled that total for the losers.

Second place Tel Aviv Hapoel also had their hands full with ninth place Tel Aviv Elitzur at Be'erot Yitzhak. Playing without John Willis or Pinhas Hoses, Hapoel trailed for much of the game. With Hapoel down 69-53, the injured Willis entered the game and helped turn it around. Hapoel came out on top, 89-81. Sam Foutsset was the big man for the losers with 18 points, while Barry Leibowitz's 19 led Hapoel.

Fourth place Ramat Gan Hapoel was the only top-ranked team to rout their opponents, chalking up a 102-70 win over next-to-last place Tel Aviv Beter in Shteytim. The first half told the story as Ramat Gan raced to a 44-20 halftime lead. The second half saw both benches emptied as the coaches let the younger players gain some experience.

Gvat/Yagur Hapoel beat an ambitious Afula Hapoel squad in Afula, thanks to the continued string of outstanding games put together by centre Boaz Yanai. This time his 38 points were instrumental in keeping Afula at arm's length for the full 40 minutes. The home squad made some gallant runs at Gvat, but were

plagued by poor handling at crucial junctures, falling 81-82. Steve Dromer led Afula with 28 points. South Tel Aviv Maccabi was stalled in the first half of their game in Tel Aviv against Givat Brenner/Ns an Hapoel, before Ron Busani got them into high gear. With Tel Aviv trailing 25-22 in the first half, Busani started his teammates running and they did not stop until the final whistle, winning 105-80, with playmaker Busani scoring 34 points.

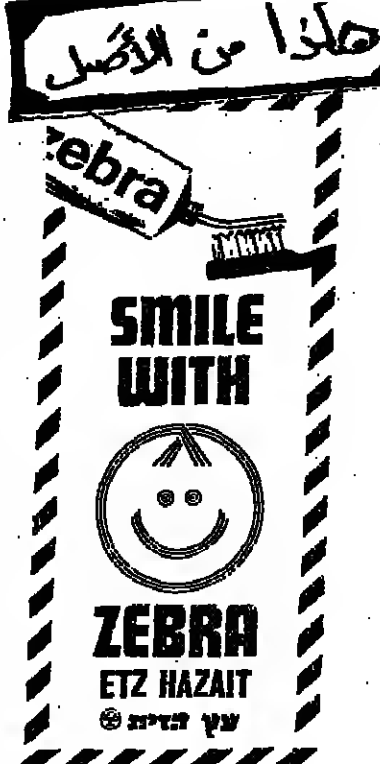
In Haifa, last place Haifa Maccabi made another gallant try but failed for the ninth time, losing 75-88. They could not hold on to a 7 point half time lead in a game full of mistakes and not fitting for a top division game.

Standings		
1. Tel Aviv Maccabi	9-4	38
2. Tel Aviv Hapoel	7-2	28
3. Haifa Hapoel	7-4	26
4. Ramat Gan Hapoel	7-3	26
5. Gvat/Yagur Hapoel	6-3	25
6. Ramat Gan Maccabi	4-5	23
7. Afula Hapoel	4-6	23
8. South Tel Aviv Maccabi	4-5	23
9. Tel Aviv Elitzur	2-7	11
10. Givat Brenner/Ns an Hapoel	2-7	11
11. Tel Aviv Beter	2-7	11
12. Haifa Maccabi	0-8	0

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The Ship Espresso Livorno
which was scheduled to dock at Haifa on Friday, December 23, 1977, will instead arrive on Sunday, December 25, at 6 a.m., and will sail at 6 p.m. the same day.
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'Coptic Pope not coming for Xmas'

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Officials in Jerusalem yesterday denied that the head of the Egyptian Coptic church would come to Jerusalem for Christmas — despite press reports to the contrary.

According to Cairo papers and the Arabic press in East Jerusalem, Pope Shenouda II, spiritual leader of the community which comprises about 7 per cent of the Egyptian population, decided to come following the Sadat visit to Jerusalem. The Copts are often referred to as the original Egyptians, and the Coptic language, still used in church ritual, was spoken in Egypt before the Arab conquest.

But the office of the Coptic Archbishop in Jerusalem said no visit was planned. One Israeli official pointed out that the office may not want to confirm the visit until there is no doubt that it will take place. There is still some time left for arrangements, as the Copts, like the Greek Orthodox, celebrate Christmas on January 6.

Meanwhile Israel Television is planning ahead for the possible visit. Nur Edin Dirini, who is in charge of Christian and Moslem religious ceremonies on Israel TV, said that if the Pope comes, his part in the celebration at Bethlehem would be broadcast by satellite to Egypt. With Christmas day (next Sunday) approaching, the Jewish National Fund announced that it has distributed 1,500 cypress saplings to church officials, diplomats and UN personnel for use as Christmas trees. The saplings were collected as part of the thinning-out process in the JNF's forests.

Majority of degrees in humanities

More than twice as many students received degrees in the humanities than in science last year, according to a recent report from the Central Bureau of Statistics.

The combined total of science and engineering graduates 33.8 per cent of all those who received degrees last year — comes near to but does not equal the total for the humanities, which is 34.7 per cent.

Altogether, 9,800 Israeli students were awarded degrees or other forms of certification last year. Of these, 6,800 completed their first degrees, 1,400 the M.A. or equivalent, and 500 were awarded doctorates. Israel produced 230 medical doctors during the period, and about 1,000 students got diplomas, mostly in education.

The Hebrew University produced the most graduates, with 31.8 per cent. Tel Aviv University had 24.1 per cent, 14.7 per cent came from the Technion, 10.5 per cent from Bar-Ilan University, 9.6 per cent from Haifa University, 9.6 per cent from the Ben-Gurion University and 1.4 per cent from the Weizmann Institute.

The report notes that the number of graduates grew between 1970 and 1977 by 75 per cent. Most of the increase took place in the early 'seventies.

Indonesia releases 10,000 prisoners

BURU ISLAND, Indonesia (Reuters). — Indonesia yesterday released 10,000 of its political prisoners, including 1,500 who sailed to freedom from this remote island after 12 years of detention without trial.

The prisoners, who were forced to grow their own food in the steaming swamps and jungles of this tropical island in the Moluccas group, over 2,000 kilometres from the Indonesian capital, Jakarta, were given new clothes and leather shoes and put on board two warships.

Their departure for Surabaya, Java, and a Christmas reunion with their families was the most dramatic part of President Suharto's programme to erase the memory of a bloody but abortive Communist coup 10 years ago. Over 600,000 people died in its violent aftermath.

The 10,000 prisoners, alleged hardcore Communists and sympathizers, were set free across the country in a move which could help improve Indonesia's ties with Communist countries.

A further 20,000 prisoners remain in camps throughout the country, but the government has promised to release them within two years.

Foreign journalists allowed to visit the penal colony for the past three days heard many complaints from prisoners about living conditions.

But on their release all detainees repeated an oath of allegiance which also condoned all government actions against them. It ended with the words: "I swear, without any pressure from anyone and of my own free will."

The releases have been attacked by foreign human rights organizations such as the London-based Amnesty International on the grounds that many, if not most, prisoners will be unable to return to their former home towns.

The government has said that prisoners who are not reaccepted into their families and do not find employment in their home towns will be resettled outside over-populated Java under a general transmigration programme.

The government believes that released prisoners who are unable to find employment — in a country where unemployment is estimated at up to 40 per cent — might easily be swayed by radical movements.

Vietnam to release prisoners in 'goodwill gesture' to U.S.

PARIS (UPI). — In a set of goodwill gestures, Vietnam announced yesterday it will carry on its talks with Washington about establishing normal relations, release a captured American yacht before the new year and learn U.S. techniques for identifying war dead.

The decisions were announced at the end of the third two-day round of talks this year between President Carter's chief troubleshooter for Vietnamese problems, Richard Holbrooke, and Vietnam's veteran peace negotiator, Deputy Foreign Minister Phan Bich.

Winding up more than eight hours of talks at the Vietnamese embassy, the two delegations announced in largely identical terms:

• Their third meeting in Paris this year — the previous having been

held in May and June — was "frank, positive and cordial" and they will hold a new meeting at a mutually agreed date and place.

Hanoi informed Holbrooke that the three crew members of the U.S. yacht Brillig, captured by the Vietnamese coast guard on October 12, will be freed and returned home before the year's end. Hanoi thus dropped previous threats to try the Americans aboard for drug trafficking.

• To help improve its technique of identification of war dead — 2,250 Americans are still missing in Vietnam — Hanoi agreed to send a team of experts to the Central Identification Laboratory and the Joint Casualty Resolution Centre in Hawaii next spring.

Delay in oil price decision seen as Opec conference opens in Caracas

CARACAS (AP). — Venezuela's President Carlos Andres Perez yesterday asked the major oil exporting countries of the world to raise prices by 5 to 8 per cent next year and devote the added revenue to paying off some of the debts of the world's poorest nations.

In his opening address to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Perez estimated that these debts total \$180b., four times the total of 1973.

"The lesser ability of these countries to pay even the interest on these debts and the decrease in the buying power of the funds they do earn threaten a catastrophe," he said.

The 13 OPEC countries are meeting here to set prices for 1978.

Before the first session the president of OPEC, Abdul Aziz Bin-Khalifa al-Thani, of Qatar, told newsmen that the three choices before OPEC were to raise prices moderately, freeze them for six or 12 months or take prices off the agenda for consideration some other time.

The last course would leave the matter unresolved, but would not at some believe, constitute a *de facto* freeze. Any final increase could easily be hacked, and there

are many precedents for this.

Immediately after the Perez speech, al-Thani adjourned the meeting for four hours.

Though he declined to be drawn out during his morning press conference, al-Thani put much more stress than had other sources on the possibility of delaying a price decision.

Perez also referred in his speech to the possibility of an extraordinary session of Opec to discuss his loan-repayment proposal, adding fuel to the idea of a delay in price-setting.

Al-Thani also said that he found the idea of shifting away from the dollar in setting oil prices "ideal and practical," but he said that his judgment was that the current weakness in the dollar would be resolved "in coming months... possibly by the end of the first quarter" next year.

He said that the price issue could be settled "within two or three hours," but then said that the Opec meeting could last a day or two, the usual schedule.

The 13 Opec oil ministers are to take up the price issue today.

Pope condemns terrorism, world violence

VATICAN CITY. — Pope Paul said in his 1978 peace message yesterday that violence was spreading throughout the world and becoming an everyday part of life.

In his 11th annual day of peace message, the 80-year-old Pontiff roundly condemned "pitiless terrorism" and "deplorable forms of repression."

"Our war against war has not yet been won," the Pontiff declared, "and our 'yes' to peace is rather something wished for than something real."

Then he cited, apparently referring to the Middle East, the possibility of future conflicts "in many geographical and political situations which have not been settled in just and peaceful solutions."

The Pope devoted a third of his message to denouncing violence — a major theme of his 14-year reign.

Demirel gov't losing support

AN KARA (Reuters). — Two more parliamentary deputies resigned from Premier Suleyman Demirel's Justice Party (JP) yesterday, bringing the tripartite coalition government's seats in the 450-member lower house of the assembly down to 215.

The two deputies, Enver Akova and Ahmet Karaaslan, are expected to join a new group which comprises nine others who have quit the JP and one original independent.

The JP issued a joint declaration at the weekend, criticizing the JP leadership for continuing the present coalition, and stating they would support a government "which upholds Turkey's national interests."

The opposition Republican People's Party (RPP), which is the biggest single group in the lower house with 214 seats, is now even closer to a return to power.

Canada to cut trade ties with S. Africa

OTTAWA (AP). — Canada said on Monday it will end all government support for commercial relations with South Africa, including withdrawing commercial consuls at Cape Town and closing the Canadian consulate at Johannesburg.

The government also will cease the support given by its Export Development Corp. to companies trading with South Africa and will prepare a code of ethics for any Canadian companies operating in the country.

Foreign Secretary Don Jamieson told the House of Commons.

Jamieson said government representatives will remain in the capital, Pretoria, since it would not be advisable to sever all diplomatic relations.

Meanwhile, the South African Defence Minister said in Pretoria yesterday that France has told South Africa it cannot honour certain defence contracts — believed to include the supply of submarines.

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Soviet flu resists vaccines

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet Union has a costly Christmas present for the rest of the world — a highly contagious strain of influenza resistant to all vaccines.

Since the first case was spotted in the Soviet Far Eastern port city of Khabarovsk a month ago, an epidemic has swept the Soviet Union. An official of the Health Ministry estimated 20 million Soviet citizens would be hit.

So far no deaths have been reported.

Western diplomats have speculated that one of the flu victims may be President Leonid Brezhnev, who disappeared from public view on December 8.

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Soviet cosmonauts take a walk

MOSCOW (UPI). — Two Soviet cosmonauts took a walk in outer space yesterday and gave a clean bill of health to a troublesome docking device.

Cosmonauts Yuri Romanenko and Georgy Grechko spent one hour 28 minutes outside the Salyut 6 space station inspecting the main docking unit and beaming colour television images of the ship and earth down to ground control.

The official Soviet news agency Tass said that after a detailed inspection of the docking unit by engineer Grechko, the cosmonauts declared it was now in proper working order.

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Moscow paper denounces Peking's 3rd World stand, support of Sadat

MOSCOW (UPI). — An influential Soviet Communist party journal yesterday denounced what it called Peking's dangerous policies toward the Third World.

The journal "Partinaya Zhizn," published by the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee, said, "Peking leadership continues to pursue, in respect of the developing countries, a reactionary policy that is hostile to the cause of Socialism and is advantageous solely to imperialist neo-colonialist circles and their agents in the Third World."

"Present Peking leaders are following the Mao Tse-tung line of turning the zone of the national liberation movement into a sphere of their influence," the journal said.

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UN tells Israel to pay for holding territories

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — The General Assembly overwhelmingly approved a resolution yesterday demanding full Israeli compensation for the losses and damages sustained by the Arabs in the Israel-occupied territories.

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'Jane's' Soviets may soon have 'ray gun'

LONDON (AP). — The Soviet Union may be working on a "lightning-like" energy ray weapon remarkably like the "ray gun" of science fiction, the editor of "Jane's Weapon Systems" claims in a forward to the 1978 edition to be published tomorrow.

Analyzing the delicate balance between the superpowers, editor Ronald T. Pretty also said it is vital for the U.S. to press ahead with the development of the neutron bomb until there is concrete evidence that the Soviet Union has no plans for deploying a similar weapon.

"The boxer who enters the ring with one hand tied behind his back — for whatever high moral purpose — gets no bonus points from the judges, and also stands a very good chance of losing the bout," he wrote.

U.S. President Jimmy Carter, who is pondering a final decision on the neutron bomb, got another message from the editor of the authoritative reference book.

America's European allies, living close to the Soviet and Warsaw Pact military threat, need their own stockpile of U.S. cruise missiles.

The 1,000-page "Jane's Weapon Systems" is one of a series of Jane's reference works on military and civilian transport and weapons, and is compiled by Pretty and his editorial staff from both official and unofficial sources.

Discussing the emergence of a new ray-like weapon that could obliterate a target with a powerful beam of energy, Pretty said a U.S. Air Force scientific intelligence committee is reported to have evidence that components of the Soviet version have already been tested, but conclusive data are lacking.

The existence of a completed "directed energy weapon" is so far unconfirmed and U.S. defence experts disagree on what progress the Soviets are making, he added.

He said the weapon could replace the anti-ballistic missile (ABM) as the next form of nuclear defence.

Two types are envisioned: the laser beam, using amplified light waves, and the "charged particle beam" or CPB.

A CPB weapon, possibly powered by nuclear fusion, would send a stream of atomic particles toward its target at the speed of light, delivering destructive levels of energy.

The danger to the West may not be immediate, said Pretty, thanks to the U.S.-designed cruise missile which can be launched from air, land, or submarine, hugging the terrain and dodging detection as it flies toward its target.

The low-flying cruise should be able to skirt both conventional ABM defences and, in all probability, any CPB energy beam defence the Soviets deploy, the editor said.

But the U.S. is nevertheless funding research into both laser and CPB technology as a precaution, he reported.

"Our own view on CPB weapons is that for those who fear their development, the sooner we hear that they will not work, the better. The longer news of progress toward an answer one way or another is withheld, the greater the chances are that either the Soviet Union or the U.S.A. has succeeded," said Pretty.

Top American defence experts disagree on how close the Soviets are to creating the new device, he said.

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It was a veteran 85-year-old of the Histadrut who believed fish kept him healthy and that whenever he bought herrings, his local cooperative supermarket in Ramat Gan, the fish was turned out to be mink, a very rare. He complained, but he was forced to take a Tel Aviv to look for a female.

day, a friend said to him: there seems to be something about your supermarket. After rings are like people. Half are half female. You're a member of the Histadrut in good standing, you go and see Moshe who heads the Public Complaints Department of the Histadrut. Maybe he can solve the problem.

He went to see Moshe. And the latter took up the case with the head of the supermarket in Ramat Gan, and today, only gentlemen can buy all the fish eggs he wants right home — and he no longer has to Tel Aviv to maintain his

ORAL of this story — it is not that if you feel the way, or one of its numerous affiliates "is doing you" go to the Public Complaints ment.

5,500 persons have already his advice since this department set up two years ago, and are now more satisfied with it. Some complained to the department; others their complaints through one of the regional Labour Councils. 40 per cent of the complaints are against Kupat Holim; 30 per cent are against the provision and pension about 15 per cent are against Enmas (the tax bureau); are scattered throughout the Histadrut bodies," says Moshe.

It vaccine is the preparatory employed in the immunization of children against tetanus, diphtheria, and cough during the first year. The vaccination programme is conditions has had to be arily halted pending acquisition of an acceptable alternative vaccine. The Ministry of took this step after tions between May and of this year that six cases logical conditions, including igh proved fatal, had in children soon after beated.

igh the Ministry of Health is being wise in refraining ictly blaming the discarded vaccine as being at fault, it ing its present policy on the that all six cases reported d within 36 hours of the being vaccinated. It could look such a relatively large of serious cases cropping up ch a short space of time, h 7, too, must be careful to incriminate the vaccine as being causally related as happened to these unforl- ed (this matter has still atigated). It is pertinent to r instances when the safety "pie" vaccine has been cal- question quite openly. It has been the compoent protection against whoop- on which attention has used. It would, therefore, nt to survey briefly the con- that has surrounded whoop- immunization in recent

pute has centred not only growing suspicion that the was responsible for an un- ably high number of tal complications, not un- sometimes met with in the the actual illness, but also vaccine's effectiveness in low the incidence of the. But first a few words ooping cough itself.

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FOR HERRING AND HEALTH MATTERS Histadrut door to knock on

By MACABEE DEAN / Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Public Complaints Department was not set up to iron out arguments between two members of the Histadrut, but between a member and the Histadrut itself (or one of its bodies).

"Like any other organization," Mr. Grossman admits, "bureaucracy runs our lives. Bureaucracy can be good; it can be evil. It all depends on the bureaucrat and what he thinks his job is. In the Histadrut," Grossman sadly admits, "we are developing a generation of clerks each of whom is beginning to think that the section he runs is his personal business, that it belongs to him, and not to the members it was set up to serve. This creates a lot of unpleasantness, and destroys faith in the Histadrut. My job is to uproot this destructive attitude and restore the member's faith in social justice." Grossman goes on to say that his activities are not exactly welcomed by those he has to censure.

And he can only censure. His department has no power except to bring facts to light; it has no legal status to take actual steps, but when persuasiveness fails to bear fruit, the "wronged" member is told that the only thing he can do is take a bureaucratic step: appeal directly to the Central Control Committee of the Histadrut, or to the Central Com-

mittee of the local Labour Council. But the department is often successful.

The examples are numerous — often refreshing and amusing.

A man ordered his bank not to honour his cheque for IL700 made out to a garage since the work was sub-standard. The bank, however, cashed the cheque and then told its client: "So sorry, nothing we can do; we suggest you sue the garage." Pressure was brought on the bank — to correct both its fault and its disparaging attitude — and the client received his IL700 back. It's now up to the bank to sue the garage — a much easier task in Israel's courts, where justice is slow and expensive, than for an individual.

Another case concerned an elderly member of 80. Unlike the herring-loving octogenarian, he was not healthy; as a matter of fact, he suffered from a chronic ailment. The pharmacy in his local Kupat Holim clinic refused to stock the rare drug prescribed by his doctor. So twice a month he had to go to Tel Aviv to pick up the medicine. Bus fares cost him IL40 a month alone.

The Public Complaints Department took steps. Now his local clinic pharmacy not only carries the drug, but allows the patient to pick it up once a month.

• An employee of "Davar"

retired on pension after 32 years with the newspaper. His grade had been set far plus — at least his pension fund dues had been based on this grade. When it came to payment of the pension, the pension fund could he would receive a stipend based on tel vnu — thus depriving him of IL50 each month.

(In this case, the pension fund is standing firm. It has a right, it claims, to charge dues at one rate and pay benefits at another — using the difference to make the fund look better financially.)

"The Histadrut has a department called 'Generation to Generation' (Dor l'dor) which grants small pensions (about IL65 a month) to persons who have no other income except national insurance benefits. Yet, this fund does not go out of its way to advertise its existence — and many Histadrut members are not even aware of its existence. Admittedly, IL65 a month is not much money, but it still can buy milk and bread.

"You would think this pension fund is in business just to see itself grow not to help the needy," Grossman says. In this specific case, intervention resulted in a retroactive pension.

• Then there is the "divorcee's section," to help mothers with child maintenance payments. Most court decisions today link maintenance to the cost-of-living index, which means that every six months (now every three), the mother has to figure out the sum due her from the former breadwinner. Then she has to go to the Court's Execution Office to enforce payment.

The department now does this paper work for Histadrut divorcees, thus helping them both with the sum and the Execution Office.

"We even perform this service for non-Histadrut divorcees at a small fee of IL100. After all, we are trying to get new members, divorcee, single or married," Grossman comments.

TRIPLE TROUBLE

Current concern over recent cases of fatalities has prompted the Ministry of Health to withdraw its present stock of triple vaccine used in the routine immunization of babies. DR. DAVID SAMSON discusses the issue.

predominantly in babies and young children. Although more common in cooler climates, it is world-wide in its distribution. There are always some cases about and sporadic epidemics occur, especially in winter in urban areas. Full-blown whooping cough is never a trivial affair. There is a not insignificant mortality registered in the condition, mostly in babies less than six months old. The protection of maternal antibodies, which most babies receive before birth shields them from most common infectious diseases for the first few months of life but not whooping cough. Babies are vulnerable to it from birth.

Arguments about the efficacy of the vaccine emanate from protagonists who claimed that even before the introduction of the vaccine the prevalence and mortality of the disease were falling and that adverse social factors were the main determinants of the illness. Opponents of this view countered by stating that the marked reduction in the amount of whooping cough in the last 20 years or so could only be explained by the wide-scale use of the vaccine. They put forward figures such as those from England, where there had been a 93 per cent decrease in cases since the advent of the vaccine.

Divergence of opinion about possible neurological complications after vaccination were less polarized since all concerned realized that the suspicions raised necessitated



A child gets a tetanus-diphtheria-whooping cough vaccination.

careful in-depth investigations. This whole area was — and still is — complicated by the definition (for this purpose) of a "neurological complication." It is also necessary to determine beyond reasonable doubt that such occurrences were directly caused by the vaccine and not something else.

Many surveys, of varying scientific quality, were carried out. One of the best, from Sweden, indicated that about one in 170,000 children vaccinated with whooping cough vaccine suffered brain damage as a direct consequence. This figure was considerably higher than in other investigations. All in all it would seem that the chance of a serious or fatal neurological reaction after vaccination is perhaps as high as one in 100,000, or as low as one in 1,000,000. These figures, of course, have to be considered against the potential effects of a serious disease amongst an unprotected (i.e. unvaccinated)

population. A discovery that came to light in Sweden during these studies may have some parallel with the current Israeli episode. This was the finding of a large number of neurological reactions after vaccination concentrated into one particular three-month period. This led one eminent medical scientist involved to comment that it looked to him as if a common agent, which had nothing to do with the vaccine directly, had been activated in some way by it, and was responsible for this sudden upsurge.

We bear in mind this sort of evidence and opinion, where does it leave us regarding the current status of whooping cough vaccine — not withstanding temporary difficulties which may require the withdrawal of a particular consignment of triple vaccine containing it? I can do no better than to briefly quote some of the conclusions reached in the report published earlier this year by a very high-powered British medical committee. It dealt in depth with the whole question of whooping cough, its effectiveness and the risks associated with immunization. This learned committee came out strongly in favour of continuing such immunization programme beginning at the age of three months. It emphasized strongly the protection that this provides for the very young against a serious disease. Its unequivocal opinion was that the benefits of such immunization far outweigh the risks of any untoward reaction.

The committee did, however, detail a list of circumstances in which it advised vaccination to be deferred or withheld altogether. The most common is a child with any illness accompanied by fever. In this situation, immunization should be postponed until the child has completely recovered.

With these recommendations in mind, let us hope that the correct "triple" trouble is quickly overcome so that we can resume the routine infant immunization programme as soon as possible.

Alternatives

BRIDGE

George Levinow

GERARD LEVY had a problem in getting to dummy, in this hand from the Jerusalem team-of-four Championship.

North		South (D)	
♠ 4 5 6	♠ 10 9 7 6 5	♠ A 10 7 6 5	♠ 8 4 3
♥ 10 9 8 5 4	♥ 9 7	♥ 10 9 8 5 4	♥ 8 7
♦ A 7 10 9 7	♦ 5 4	♦ A 10 7 6 5	♦ 8 4 3
♣ 10 9 8 5 4	♣ 8 7	♣ A 10 7 6 5	♣ 8 7

The bidding:

1♠	1♣
2♠	2♣
3♠	3♣
4♠	4♣

The opening one club bid was Precision, 18 or more high card points. The one diamond response was negative, less than eight points. There is no generally agreed on rebid in Precision over a negative diamond with this type of hand. Levy, hopefully, chose a forcing two heart rebid. When North jumped to game it was natural for South to bid the slam.

The club ace was led, and followed by the jack to the queen. East played high-low on these two tricks.

Declarer now hoped to finesse against the heart king; to do that, he had to get to dummy. The clubs were dangerous — East seemed sure to have a doubleton, and if he held the heart king he could over-ruff. So diamonds were led; on the third diamond trick, declarer with high trumps to spare so he carefully ruffed with the nine. When East failed to over-ruff it was clear that West had the trump king. Levy had to hope that the king was a singleton. The ace was played and the singleton king fell, providing declarer with a happy ending.

BRIDGE CALENDAR
NATIONAL TOURNAMENT (Netanya, Palace Hotel)
Friday, December 23 — Greenberg Cup for Pairs (9 p.m.)
Saturday, December 24, Tri-City Cup for Teams (8:30 a.m.)
RESULTS — Semi-final leaders of Haifa Pairs championship: 1. M. Golan, 2. Golan-Silberberg 201; 3. M. Bergman-Rosenfeld 174; 4. Lieberman-Stern 174.

'Overtures for peace were not surprising'

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH / Jerusalem Post Reporter

WHEN President Sadat announced his intention of flying to Jerusalem last month, there was one Israeli who did not have to force himself to suspend disbelief.

"I was not surprised," says Prof. Andre Chouraqui. "I was happy but not surprised."

It was Chouraqui's own visit to Morocco last March as an official guest of King Hassan that led him to expect that the engine of peace was picking up an inexorable momentum. Chouraqui, a scholar and a former deputy-mayor of Jerusalem, was the first Israeli ever openly to receive an invitation from an Arab head of state. In their conversation, the king proposed alliance between the Arabs with their oil and population resources and Israel and the Jewish world with their technological, financial and military abilities.

"When I was invited by King Hassan I was certain that we had reached a dramatic turning point in relations between Israel and the Arab countries. It was a sign of a new Arab outlook."

Chouraqui accused the Israeli leadership, however, of not being prepared to recognize that sign. When he informed the Israeli authorities of his invitation, says Chouraqui, he was asked not to accept by Shlomo Avineri, the then director-general of the Foreign

Ministry, who said he was speaking on behalf of Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon. Chouraqui was not dissuaded but he says that "a famous Jewish writer" who had received an invitation from President Sadat to visit Egypt declined after being advised by Jerusalem authorities not to go. Chouraqui refused to identify the writer.

"The truth is that the Israeli leadership didn't understand the Arab world and the realities of Arab thinking and made lots of mistakes. When Sadat told Dayan last month that he had offered peace in 1971, Dayan said he thought he had not been serious. Now Sadat has obliged the leadership to recognize these realities. If we were more open to the Arab world we would have had peace much earlier."

Since the 1967 war, says Chouraqui, he has predicted that peace could come "anytime from tomorrow to 10 years." The Arabs want peace, he says, because they need peace. "They rightly see that war would be a catastrophe for everybody, including themselves." In addition, he believes that the Arab leaders do not want to see the Middle East conflict exploited by the Communists for their own needs. "Moreover they also have this messianic political vision of Jewish-



Prof. Andre Chouraqui

Arab cooperation changing the trend of history."

Chouraqui is a principal exponent of that vision. "Whatever we have to give up (in territories) we will get back a thousand-fold in the benediction of peace."

Former French Premier Pierre Mendes-France was here during Sadat's visit acknowledged to Chouraqui afterwards that he had thought him naive for predicting Arab-Jewish reconciliation. "You were realistic," said Mendes-France, "because like Ben-Gurion you believed in miracles." Says Chouraqui today: "I still believe in miracles."

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By MIKE ARONSTAM

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Greek salad may be made by using lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes, scallions, anchovy fillets and, of course olives. Dress with oil, wine vinegar, salt, oregano and pepper. (Rubinger)

Cooking Greek and kosher

FROM MY JERUSALEM KITCHEN/ Sybil Zimmerman

ore Hamuka, journalists fled to a Greek-kosher at the Jerusalem Hilton to week-long Greek festival were prepared by Chef Sris. Flown in from the States. Here are some of pes, adaptable to your

AVGOLEMONO
4-6 servings
le and lemon soup)
chicken bouillon (may be our

1. Place eggplant on a rack or cookie sheet in oven and bake one hour. Peel off skin and place the cooked insides in a bowl. Mash until fine.

2. Add chopped parsley, salt, pepper, stewed tomatoes and mayonnaise. Mix well. Cool before serving.

MEAT MOUSSAKA
6-8 servings

1 kilo eggplant
400 grams chopped meat
8 cups parmesan
salt to taste
3 T. margarine
¼ cup flour
oil

1. Place oil in one frying pan and cook chopped meat until brown. Meanwhile peel and slice eggplant and fry in second pan with small amount of oil until brown.

2. Melt margarine in saucepan. Add flour, then add parmesan whip slowly and stir until somewhat thick to make a bechamel sauce.

3. Grease casserole and put in layers of eggplant, tomato slices, squash and bechamel sauce, repeating until all is used up and ending with bechamel sauce on top. Sprinkle on yellow cheese. Bake in moderate oven 20-30 minutes.

CHEESE MOUSSAKA
400 grams eggplant
400 grams squash
1 cup tomato slices
2 cups milk
3 T. butter or margarine
¼ cup flour
white pepper to taste
1 cup grated yellow cheese
oil

1. Melt butter or margarine in a saucepan. Add flour and blend. Then add milk and mix well. Cook until thick.

2. Peel and slice eggplants and squash. Fry each in separate frying pan with small amount of oil until brown.

3. Grease a casserole and put in layers of eggplant, tomato slices, squash and bechamel sauce, repeating until all is used up and ending with bechamel sauce on top. Sprinkle on yellow cheese. Bake in moderate oven 20-30 minutes.

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Begin in the dovecot

CONSISTENCY IS THE hobgoblin of little minds, is what Prime Minister Begin might have told critics of his astonishingly innovative solution for the problem of the administered areas.

In fact his response to an Israel Television reporter's query about the profound change he had wrought in his previous stand, was not very dissimilar. What did it matter, he said, so long as it helped advance the nation on the road to peace. A most cogent argument indeed, as anyone who cares for peace — and that includes virtually every citizen of this country — must concede.

To be sure, Mr. Begin could have saved himself some foreseeable aggravation had he come to realize somewhat earlier the necessity for change. From the moment he assumed office, if not sooner, it should have been obvious to him that the coalition guidelines, like the Likud's platform, would prove an embarrassing burden, should the possibility of peace with our neighbours ever come within reach.

But it is still no wonder that so many Likud MKs — and particularly in the Herut faction — voiced concern until their personal faith in the Prime Minister stilled, if not suppressed, their anxieties. As they see it, they were elected only last May on a pledge of keeping Judea and Samaria forever Israel. Now it turns out that, without warning, their leader has forgone — and not as a final concession, but as an initial bargaining position — any exclusive claim to that history-laden area.

Another aspect of the plan which appears to have nettled many Likud MKs is the suggestion that Jews and Arabs should have the same right to settle all over the Land. Now that Mr. Begin has translated this vacuous rhetoric into the language of specific commitment, infinite dismay follows.

As a result, the entire philosophy of settlement is meeting its roughest test ever. For until now it has not been clear — and previous Alignment regimes could not decide — whether the purpose of settlement in the areas is to stake out a claim of sovereignty for the State of Israel, or to assert the right of Jews to build a home in any part of Eretz Yisrael.

Now there can no longer be any question which it is. The settlers of the Jordan Valley are up in arms: understandably enough, they do not wish to live under any rule but Israel's. And Alignment leader Peres, citing earlier government undertakings, is harking them to the hilt.

Thus for the moment Mr. Begin can rely — a supreme irony — on the unstinting support of only the most "dovish" section of the political community.

Some of the criticism of the Prime Minister's plan may, of course, be due to the fog in which essential features are still shrouded. For example, it is still unknown whether the plan envisages temporary or permanent autonomy for the West Bank, with or without an eventual tie-up with Jordan. Yet this is of crucial importance in evaluating the scheme.

But if it is misreporting, or under-reporting, which is responsible for the domestic tumult, then it is Mr. Begin's bounden duty to enlighten the public, or at least its elected representatives, of the true facts. The plea of secrecy is surely inadmissible after Mr. Begin's meeting with Mr. Carter, and Mr. Carter's full report to Mr. Sadat.

It is good to know that the negotiating momentum is being kept up, with Defence Minister Weizman conferring with President Sadat and Egyptian War Minister Gamasy on security arrangements in Sinai, and Mr. Begin himself preparing for a meeting with Mr. Sadat. But such momentum, welcome as it is, cannot be allowed to result in the presentation of faits accomplis to the nation.

Storm in a milk jug

IT IS GOOD to have voluntary associations that speak up when they think that some aspect of the public interest is being damaged; it is bad when there arises a frontal collision between respected public agencies over a sensitive matter such as food hygiene, that affects every family, and must leave many housewives in a dither of indecision.

First it was eggs — are they good for the health or do they bring on heart attacks? Now it is the nation's milk — is it so sodden with the residue of certain pesticides as to cause cancer? The Consumer Shield organization raised a scare about the milk; the Ministry of Health denied that there is any danger in this nutritious fluid; and the Milk Marketing Board published a big advertisement in this paper quoting men of science to the effect that Israel's milk is safe and is good for you.

It should be made clear before anything else that everybody in Israel eats eggs and everybody drinks milk (or eats milk products) and that not everybody in consequence suffers heart ailments or cancer of the brain. The question is only whether persons prone to cardiac trouble might become more prone by eating two eggs every day, or whether the incidence of cancer might be raised because traces of the DDT used in the cowshed and the pastures find their way into the milk we consume.

So there seems little cause for panic. To tell the public, as the consumers' association has done, that local milk should not be fed to babies is almost like advising residents of Tel Aviv to stop breathing the air because it is polluted. Milk is an important nourishment, for which there is no ready substitute.

On the other hand, the Consumer Shield organization's complaint should certainly not be ignored. The health authorities have to re-examine their food safety regulations; and not only that. The time has come to set up an outside authority, made up of experts in the subject, who will do for food, drink and drugs something like what the Standards Institute does for manufactured goods: set quality standards.

The government is obliged to deal with all topics from a variety of aspects — economic (how much it costs to change the crop protection system); social (how many families make a living out of dairy herds); political (how popular would a ban be); as well as medical.

What is needed is an authoritative, non-political entity that is concerned only with the health aspect of the problem. Its pronouncements would in practice be binding. If it declared a particular foodstuff wholesome and free of infection, the housewife would feel reassured. If it found that a certain item of consumption had been rendered clinically unsafe by the use of particular agricultural chemicals, the government would have no option but to do something about it.

Professor Baruch Modan, Deputy Director-General of the Health Ministry, has stated that his Ministry is planning an "independent food authority." The idea was brought up by the new Minister, Eliezer Shostak.

Let us hope that it will cover the topics which, in the United States, are the province of the Food and Drug Administration. The sooner such a body is formed, the better.

The demographic outlook

DAVID KRIVINE examines Jewish population trends in Israel and the Diaspora in the light of studies by Professor Roberto Bachi.

THE JEWISH community in the Diaspora is shrinking. The rate of natural increase among Jews is lower than that of their host populations. There is a higher percentage of aged Jews than aged gentiles.

The Jewish community in Israel is growing. Births exceed deaths — quite apart from the effect of immigration. But in Israel, too, population growth is less among the Jews than among the Arabs.

Why are Jewish demographic trends different? A couple of new publications by Professor Roberto Bachi examine the question. One is a full-length book called "The Population of Israel," issued in two identical editions, one under the auspices of the Institute of Contemporary Jewish Studies at the Hebrew University, the other under the imprint of the Committee for the International Coordination of National Research in Demography.

The other is a short volume called "Population Trends in World Jewry." It evolved out of a lecture which Bachi delivered in January, 1976, at the study circle on Diaspora Jewry held at the home of the President of Israel.

King Solomon's realm comprised, in all probability, only a million Jews. That was the 10th Century BCE, a thousand years later, in the 1st Century CE, their number had doubled. But they were decimated in the Roman wars that followed.

By that time, a Diaspora had come into existence. World Jewry amounted to 4.5m. persons, including a million in Egypt, as well as a large community in Babylonia. The numbers dwindled over the Middle Ages. By 1800, which can be considered the beginning of modern times, the world contained 2.5m. Jews in all.

World population had multiplied three times during those 18 centuries. Why had the Jews lagged so badly? They were concentrated in the poorest parts of Europe; they were herded into urban ghettos and natural increase was lower in towns than in the country; above all, they were subject to persecution. Many found themselves cut off from the Jewish community through conversion, voluntary or forced.

THE BREAK came in the 19th Century. During the period from 1800 to the outbreak of Hitler's war, the Jewish population soared sixfold, from 2.5m. to 16.5m. That was faster than the world at large. At the time, the advanced or industrializing countries were expanding more rapidly, for a change, than the backward countries. Both enjoyed a high birth-rate; but the advanced nations had reduced the death-rate — that is, were long-lived — and their population growth was accordingly higher.

The Jews were increasing faster still. They remained predominantly urban — though middle-class urban this time — and they were shifting to bigger cities. They were abandoning the unremunerative jobs (trade, the crafts) and entering, with the aid of cothustastic book learning, more sophisticated occupations (finance, the professions). They were packing their bags and migrating from the stifling hovels of the Jewish Pale in Eastern Europe towards the wider

horizons of Western Europe, the United States and the British dominions.

Then came the Holocaust. Since then, the trend has been negative again. At the present time, not enough daughters are being brought into the world to replace the mothers. It may be that the Jews are merely abiding by the practices of the particular, more prosperous class to which they belong. There are no statistics about the demography of individual incomes and occupational groups.

Bachi thinks that the Jews may even be ahead of the race, bar-bingers of new behavioural patterns that will, in due course, spread to the rest of the population. Inter-marriage is also a factor where the family stops being Jewish (which happens more in Europe than America).

WHATEVER the cause, Jews in the Diaspora are having fewer children. The figures are striking. There are more people over 65 than under 15. In Russia, the percentage change among the Jews has gone something like this:

	Under 15	Over 65
1897	40.6	3.3
1926	28.6	4.3
1970	19.5	19.6

The figure for non-Jews in the developed countries has also worsened, but not so much. Here is the comparison (in 1970):

	Under 15	Over 65
Jews	19	13
Non-Jews	26.7	9.6

In North America the figure for the Jews is better. In the U.S. this under-15s were 22.2 per cent in 1971, the over-65s, 11.5 per cent. The situation is similar in Canada as Bachi shows by comparing the per cent in earlier decades:

	Under 15	Over 65
1951	27.3	2.6
1961	27.6	2.3
1971	20.6	11.5

In Asia and North Africa, Jewish reproduction figures were 'always high'; but these communities have been dispersed (many families immigrated to Israel), and their number is negligible today.

THE CHANGE in the geographical distribution of the Jewish population over the globe is drastic. I have consolidated Bachi's figures into five groups, with the following results (in thousands):

	1958	1966	1972
Asia-Africa	1,137	1,284	284
Central and Eastern Europe	8,595	1,028	185
USSR	2,525	2,000	2,900
The Western countries	8,826	5,471	7,372
Israel	475	564	2,734
Total	16,645	11,348	13,384

In proportionate terms, the figures are as follows:

	1958	1966	1972
Asia-Africa	6.8	11.3	2.1
Central and Eastern Europe	50.6	26.7	14.6
USSR (including USSR)	38.6	57.0	56.9
The Western countries	2.8	5.0	20.4
Israel			

READERS' LETTERS

DDT IS A CARCINOGEN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — When a man who has apparently devoted a good part of his adult life to the production of a product defends the product publicly, there is often room to question his objectivity.

In his letter (December 11) in defence of DDT, Dr. J. Rosin says the anti-DDT campaign was led by politically-motivated groups. In fact, Consumer Shield, which has set out to warn the public of the potential dangers inherent in the consumption of Israeli milk and milk products, is the only Israeli consumer organization that is totally independent of political, governmental or commercial influence and funding.

Dr. Rosin proclaims "there was never any proof whatsoever that (DDT) is carcinogenic." This statement would certainly be of interest to the U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare who nearly 10 years ago was made aware by his expert commission on pesticides and their relationship to environmental health that DDT was indeed a carcinogen. At about the same time, research funded by the American National Institute of Health and performed in part by the American National Cancer Institute gave the same verdict: DDT is a carcinogen. (Interestingly, well over 100 highly suspicious compounds including industrial chemicals and pesticides were tested in their research. Fewer than 10 per cent of them were shown to be carcinogenic; DDT was one of these few.) Since that time, other studies have served to confirm the original findings.

Additionally, it was discovered as early as 1947 that DDT, in addition to being carcinogenic, was also a mutagen. Here again, subsequent research up to the present time has repeatedly confirmed the original findings. Mutation is a change in the genetic material of the cell that can cause miscarriages, birth defects, and genetic diseases. Such genetic damage, once it has occurred, is permanent and irreparable.

For Dr. Rosin, it may be "statistically significant" that workers at his DDT plant did not develop cancer, but then again cancer research is not Dr. Rosin's field. An expert committee of the International Agency for Research

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The Diaspora population did not decline between 1946 and 1972. That is partly because there was a "baby boom" immediately after the Holocaust. Since then the statistics show a downward trend. Says Bachi: "In the last decade or so, fertility has decreased sharply. Levels of Jewish fertility have been systematically lower than those for other population groups."

In another place he observes: "Apart from the Jewish Diaspora as a whole, the proportion of children is about half, and the proportion of old people more than double that among the entire world population."

And again: "Apart from a few exceptions (such as perhaps Canada) almost all Diaspora groups are in a phase of demographic regress."

This is not so — as yet — in Israel. The under-15s in 1975 came to 29.9 per cent, the over-65s to only 8.7 per cent. This is a decline from the peak reached in the 1950s (35.3 per cent under 15 in 1957, 3.7 per cent over 65); but it is still better than the average for non-Jews in the developed countries. The trend in Israel towards smaller families, however, does present demographic dangers for the future.

FORECASTS are still optimistic. Bachi cites projections made in 1975 by the Central Bureau of Statistics (a department that he had founded, and headed until his retirement in 1972). Assuming there is no immigration, the Jewish population in Israel will rise over a 20-year period from 2,810,000 in 1973 to 3,558,000 in 1993 — an increase of over a quarter. By December, 1976, it had reached 3,017,000.

Two other alternative suppositions are made: an average annual immigration of either 35,000 or 50,000. This would yield a Jewish population figure for 1993 of 4,110,000 in one case, of 4,645,000 in the other.

The non-Jewish community in Israel (excluding the administered areas) will double, simply through natural increase, from 497,000 to 1,063,000. That means a rise for them — if there is no Jewish immigration — from 15 per cent of the total population to almost a quarter.

If we include in the calculation all the Arabs living under Israeli administration at this moment, in Israel and the occupied territories together, their number will by 1993 practically equal the number of Jews in the country.

That will not be the case, of course (as supporters of the Greater Israel movement ever cease to point out). If there is a sizeable Jewish immigration.

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PUBLIC BENCH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I refer to Judy Siegel's article on "Keeping Israel Beautiful" (December 3), in which she mentions the coloured benches designed by The Council for a Beautiful Israel.

The only thing I can say about those awful benches is that they are full of dust in summer and covered with water in winter. The bench which evolved over thousands of years — a few narrow planks with space in between so that the water runs off plus a back rest — costs a fraction of what these unworkable monstrosities cost.

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POSTSCRIPTS



Mrs. Jehan Sadat

WE WONDER whether President Sadat is particularly happy at being listed among the world's ten best-dressed men. After all, so much depends in listings like this on the company in which you find yourself. In the present case, our good friend on our southern border found himself ninth in the list — an Italian one — well behind a bull-fighter, a Japanese fashion designer and the fiancée of Princess Caroline of Monaco. The jury, incidentally, didn't say whether they gave Sadat the accolade for his well-tailored business suits (he must have brought several with him on his visit to Israel), his turtle-necked leisure wear, or the extremely well-cut galabiyeh he wears when visiting his ancestral village.

The same international jury (which included Gina Lollobrigida, the Duke of Bedford and Pierre Cardin) also chose the 10 best dressed women. Jacqueline Onassis featured eighth on that list, behind Olympia de Rochefort and Ina Fursberg. We must confess that we didn't recognise the other names furnished by the news agencies.

But while on the subject of the 10 most whatever, perhaps we may be allowed to comment that, after seeing her being interviewed for Israel TV, we feel that Mrs. Jehan Sadat would figure very high on a list of the most beautiful presidential wives in the world.

FOR THOSE who love trains, peace with Egypt will only be real when they once again bear the whistle of the express leaving for Cairo, says colleague Alexander Zvielli, who is a railway fan.

The Beirut-Cairo run (with stops at Haifa, Lydda, Rehovot, Gaza, El Arish, Kantara and Ismailia) used to be almost as exciting as the Trans-

Siberian rail journey he once — though much shorter of course — made in the many stops, it was a profitable line and one with its good maintenance and safety.

If the line were restored to traffic — some doubted it — it could either best to destroy Israel and its people, or perhaps make most — right by outings. It would make class hotels a profitable proposition. Hundreds of thousands of "Palestinians" and Allied War II veterans, Australian Zealander, Free French, Czechs, Yugoslavs and others could relieve the days when they travelled catching the first sight of the magic of the turn-of-the-century Suez Canal, the crowds at Zagazig, the pleasant, almost European stations of Kantara and Ismailia.

In the old days, crowds of on leave from the Western fighting filled the Tel Aviv station, waiting for the carriage that travelled to afternoon to Lydda. Jews, they joined the train and Haifa and soon the and groves and the grove settlements around the There were long stops. Rafah, El Arish, Lydda, of coffee while heavy tanks and ammunition rail-lie had enormous significance during the moments of the Second World War.

After the 600 hour stop for military pass check and control, the scenery changed to uninhabited stretches until the train reached early hours of the morning could travel further south Luxor.

Everybody then travels. There are many advantages. Travel, foremost, it is a well-functioning rail link should not pose huge economic or physical challenges could become a major tourism and open new perimeters.

Railways are the symbol of brotherhood with which a car cannot compete. One is a strong demand for a tonaries and Egyptian restoration of the express should be seen as the challenge on the long road in this area.

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